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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the above-noted application, please amend as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, following the title, please insert in order to conform to the declaration:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of serial number 09/551,212, filed 04/07/00, now patent 6,715,230, which is a continuation-in-part of S.N. 09/436,039, filed 11/08/99, now patent 6,347,532, which was in turn a continuation-in-part of S.N. 08/959,801, filed 10/29/97, now patent 6,170,189.

Page 38, line 2, change "enable" to --- enables ---

Page 53, last line, after "apparent" insert --- to those ---

Page 55, line 12, cancel "where"

In the Abstract, line 2 from the bottom, after "fisherman" insert --- know ---

Substitute pages are attached.



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